

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(i), please amend the following paragraph:

FIG. 10 illustrates a daisy chaining operation, according to one embodiment of the present invention. This daisy chaining feature allows BIOS 120 (FIG. 1) to be executed without specific knowledge of the hardware present in the platform. For example, the daisy chaining feature is advantageously used when BIOS 120 may be used in multiple platforms. In particular, BIOS 120 would include multiple firmware modules, some of which are designed for a particular hardware component that may or may not be present in the platform. For example, the platform vendor may select one of several different hardware components that perform the same function, each having a firmware module to operate the hardware component. In this embodiment, the firmware modules for such hardware components have the same GUID identifying the service that operates the hardware component. The firmware module corresponding to the actual hardware component present in the platform must be executed when such GUID service is called. Daisy chaining advantageously allows the firmware modules themselves determine which firmware module should be executed for the hardware component present in the platform.